## Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

## **Vision Statement and Guiding Principles**

The Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Work Group (PBASWG) envisions a community where people of all ages and abilities can walk, roll and bike safely and comfortably anywhere in the Town of Kensington. To this end, the PBASWG works to improve pedestrian and bicyclist experience and safety in town by advocating for improved transportation infrastructure and funding, building support and awareness of safety issues through education and community engagement, and recommending strategic investments through analysis and planning.

The PBSWG advises the Town of Kensington to prioritize investments in the areas of greatest need, with a focus on:

- Repairing barriers to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity such as Connecticut Avenue and the railroad tracks
- Locations with a preponderance of vulnerable users such a near schools, parks, and communities for older adults
- State roads with increased vehicular, cycling and pedestrian traffic
- Existing or planned high use areas such as shopping districts
- High pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle crash locations

Working with county and state officials and neighboring communities, the PBASWG supports the equitable investment of bicycle and pedestrian improvements that promote safety, accessibility, and connectivity such as:

- Trail connections that provide dedicated space for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals that fill gaps in the network and promote usage and enjoyment of the infrastructure